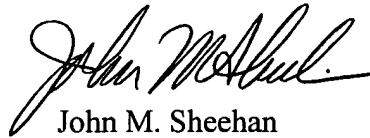


The remaining claims (24-34) are all directed to a unique method in which the selected individual components are added to water as a preformed, substantially uniform, solid surfactant composition. Using this method stable aqueous foaming surfactant dispersions are produced in one step. These dispersions are particularly useful as personal care products such as 2 in 1 shower formulations, cream shampoos, facial cleansers and the like.

Neither of the references cited by the Examiner as support for the obvious rejection in the latest Office Action (Hague or Unilever) relate in any way to a method involving a preformed, substantially uniform, solid surfactant composition –the essential feature of the present invention.

In the manufacturing methods at pages 10-11 referred to by the Examiner in the Office Action the surfactant blend employed is always a “preformed flaked solid blend” – see page 9 of the specification. These are not the same as, or obvious from, the surfactant compositions employed in either Hague or Unilever.

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